

SPINAL MENINGITIS

Increase in Deaths in New York and Other Eastern Cities.

THE EPIDEMIC IN GERMANY

A Prominent Physician of Chicago Suggests a Remedy of Spraying With Atomizer Using Carbolic Acid and Water as a Sure Preventative.

New York, April 1.—Cerebro spinal meningitis has almost attained the dimensions of an epidemic, cables the Berlin correspondent of the American. In many districts of Germany the mortality is so large that the government's aid in combatting the disease has been called for. The malady chiefly attacks the young, and there have been few cases where the victims have been over 30. Leading physicians declare that the disease is contagious.

Chicago, April 1.—A preventative of cerebro spinal meningitis, "spotted fever," the dread plague which is ravaging New York and eastern cities and from which at least one death of an eight year old girl, occurred in Chicago yesterday, has been suggested by Dr. W. J. Class of the city health department. An atomizer, a little carbolic acid and water are the safeguards.

"The disease is contracted through the throat," said Dr. Class. "While the most reliable preventative consists in staying away from infected places, and in perfect cleanliness, the disinfection of the air passages should help to ward off the disease."

"Use an atomizer and spray the nasal passages and throat with water containing 1 per cent of carbolic acid. The disease is not as contagious as scarlet fever. It begins with a severe headache and vomiting. I do not believe that the disease will become dangerous in Chicago."

"This method," said the commissioner, "is for physicians to take a lumbar culture and examine under the microscope the microbe secured from the puncture at the base of the spine. If the microbe thus examined is found to have tiny protuberances resembling horns, then the disease is unmistakably meningitis."

NEW CUSTOMS TARIFF.

Official Announcement of Custom Duties in Japan.

New York, April 1.—Official announcement has been made by the Japanese consul here of the new customs tariff on imports into Japan. Change will go into effect July 1 with an increase of duties on nearly all articles that are now subject to import tax. In all cases it is an ad valorem increase whether the article was previously taxed by specific or ad valorem duty, and is designed to afford an increased revenue for war expenses.

Up to this time the custom receipts have been devoted to internal administration entirely, but after July 1 the excess receipts from the new rates will be used for the war fund.

At present the custom receipts of the empire are about \$8,150,000. This change is expected to produce additional funds of at least \$2,000,000. A dozen other indirect taxes will be increased at the same time.

The increase in the customs duties ranges from 5 per cent in the cases of raw materials and certain partially manufactured products to 100 per cent in the cases of tobacco, which must pay all told a duty of 250 per cent. Malt and spirituous liquors are subjected to a 39 per cent ad valorem increase. Wood pulp used for manufacturing paper will continue under the present schedule.

STEERAGE PASSENGERS.

Reduction in Steerage Rates From China and Japan.

San Francisco, April 1.—J. C. Stubbs and R. C. Schwerin, on behalf of E. H. Harriman and the representatives of J. J. Hill and the other owners of rail and trans-Pacific steamer lines have decided upon some changes in steerage passenger rates. A rate of \$51 Asiatic steerage to China and Japan has been agreed upon for the Canadian Pacific steamers at Vancouver, the Hill steamers at Seattle and the Harriman steamers at this port. The Japanese line at Seattle and the Boston Steamship Company at the same port are allowed in charge a rate of \$43.50.

KINGDOM OF PORTUGAL.

New York and European Syndicates to Take Up Loan.

New York, April 1.—In competition with two European syndicates, bankers of this city are making the first move on record to handle the obligations of the kingdom of Portugal.

An agent will sail for Europe today to take up the negotiations and make a bid on the forthcoming Portuguese loan. The bonds are to run 60 years at 4 per cent and will refund an issue of 2½ per cent of bonds that mature within a few months. The new loan is secured by the tobacco monopoly. It is understood that a great Parisian banking house will join with the New York bidders in an effort to out bid the European syndicates.

REFUSED ADMISSION.

Women Students Denied Admission to Academy of Arts.

New York, April 1.—More than 200 women students have, says a Times dispatch from Berlin, petitioned the Prussian minister of education to overrule Director von Werner, who recently refused to admit them to the academy of art. The women demand admission on terms similar to those now accorded them at the universities.

The decision of the minister is awaited with considerable interest as it will establish a precedent in other state art academies in Germany that still exclude women.

OPEN DOOR.

Pour Paries Between Germany and America.

New York, April 1.—Pour Paries have, according to a Times dispatch from Berlin, taken place between the German and American governments upon the question of the open door in Morocco. It is intimated, the correspondent asserts, the American government entirely sympathizes with Germany's determination to preserve the integrity of Morocco.

Carter Relieved.

Washington, April 1.—Major Edward C. Carter, of the medical department, of the army, who for several years has been detached service with the civil government of the Philippines as commissioner of public health at Manila has been relieved from that service and ordered to Washington on account of ill health.

BOGOTA'S NEW BANK

Capitalized in the Sum of Eight Million Dollars.

SHARES FULLY SUBSCRIBED

The Columbia National Bank is Working Industiously to Eliminate Vice Presidency and Elect the President for Term of Years.

New York, April 1.—The Central Bank has started business with a capital of \$8,000,000 gold fully subscribed and guaranteed, says a Herald dispatch from Bogota, Colombia. Subscriptions were raised in all of these enthusiastically that the shares have been subscribed five times over. The bank's principal object is the conversion of paper currency into coin. About \$5,000,000 of the principal is destined for that purpose, which will lower interest rates and prevent ruinous foreign loans. The national assembly is working industriously to eliminate the vice-presidency of the republic and fixing the presidential term at ten years. All parties represented in the assembly have indorsed the proposed period and exclusively favor General Boyes.

The next congress will not meet before 1908, but meantime the assembly can be convoked if necessary as an extraordinary congress. The president of the republic is empowered to perform his duties in any part of the country.

NUMBER OF PRISONERS

Confined in Concentration Camps in South Africa.

Berlin, April 1.—Dr. Steubel, director of the colonial office, replying to a question in the reichstag, said that 4993 men, women and children were so far prisoners at the concentration camps in German Southwest Africa. The government, he added, had no intention, as reported, of disarming the voambs, who had attacked and destroyed Portuguese columns.

Cheated Death.

Kidney trouble often ends fatally, but by choosing the right medicine, E. H. Wolfe, of Bear Grove, Iowa, cheated death. He says: "Two years ago I had Kidney Trouble, which caused me great pain, suffering and anxiety, but I took Electric Bitters, which effected a complete cure. I have also found them of great benefit in general debility and nerve trouble, and keep them constantly on hand, since, as a find they have no equal." Chas. Rogers, druggist, guarantees them at 50c.

DAIRY AND FOOD

National Association State Dairy and Food Departments.

HOLD NATIONAL CONVENTION

Claims of Enormous Fatality Among Infants Last Year Due to Poisonous and Impure Foods Placed on the Market by Manufacturers.

Chicago, April 1.—As a meeting of the executive committee of the National Association of State Dairy and Food Departments to be held here today reports will be submitted showing that 455,000 infants died in the United States last year from the effects of food poisons. Food commissioners from different states, health officers, and officers of the national association have arrived to attend the meeting.

The claim of the enormous fatality among infants last year resulting from impure food is made by J. N. Hurly, secretary of the Indiana state board of health. Mr. Hurly produces figures to show that 65 per cent of the total deaths of infants in America last year was due to poisons administered in impure foods and the deadly concoctions placed on the market by fraudulent food manufacturers.

Renewed efforts toward prohibiting the sale of food products containing poisonous adulterants are to be made by the association.

THE MONEY MARKET.

Large Withdrawals May Make Withdrawal of Loans.

New York, April 1.—Large demands to be met by the money market have kept alive fears of the withdrawal of call loans from the stock market and have discouraged active speculative demand this week for stock. The market has been vulnerable in consequence of light selling pressure and has shown decreased activity.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

Astoria National Bank

At the close of business, March 14th, 1905.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$324,662 57
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	6,203 86
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	12,500 00
Premiums on U. S. bonds	750 00
Bonds, securities, etc.	66,416 74
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures	2,685 00
Other real estate owned	4,375 03
Due from national banks (not reserve agents)	5,907 88
Due from state banks and bankers	11,038 98
Due from approved reserve agents	97,002 98
Checks and other cash items	2,657 41
Notes of other national banks	536 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	864 11
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$56,473 95
Legal-tender notes	90 00
Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer (5 per cent circulation)	625 00
Total	\$592,089 46

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000 00
Surplus fund	10,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	28,758 77
National bank notes outstanding	10,500 00
Individual deposits subject to check	\$259,975 77
Demand certificates of deposit	30,725 56
Time certificates of deposit	202,114 36
Certified checks	715 00
Total	\$593,089 46

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss:
I, J. E. Higgins, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
J. E. HIGGINS,
Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22d day of March, 1905.
(Seal) E. Z. FERGUSON,
Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:
GEO. H. GEORGE,
A. SCHEENECKAU,
L. MANSUR,
Directors.

The strength of the general situation and confidence that the restriction of the money supply is temporary have kept the undertone of the market firm and have made it rebound readily. The bond market has been quiet.

Run Down by Trolley.

New York, April 1.—Dr. W. O. Hasbrouck of Passaic, N. J., a widely known veterinarian after whom the famous racehorse Dr. Harbrouck was named, has been run down by a trolley car in Newark. He was removed to a hospital, where his injuries were pronounced serious, but not necessarily fatal.

W. Whyte of Boise, Idaho, has taken charge of the McCrea-Ford studio for a time, and for the next 30 days will make the best \$5.00 photographs for \$3.50. See our work. Best in the city.



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STATEMENT OF ASTORIA SAVINGS BANK

At the close of business March 20, 1905.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$522,635 67
County warrants	24,199 90
City warrants	38,527 41
Real estate	585,362 98
Due from banks	21,000 00
Cash on hand	75,913 12
Total	\$725,170 87
LIABILITIES.	
Capital paid in	\$100,000 00
Surplus	35,000 00
Undivided profits	3,302 40
Dividends unpaid	165 00
Deposits—	
Subject to check	\$369,757 28
Time certificates	198,021 45
Demand certificates	18,924 74
Total	\$725,170 87

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

First National Bank

At Astoria, in the state of Oregon, at the close of business, March 14th, 1905.

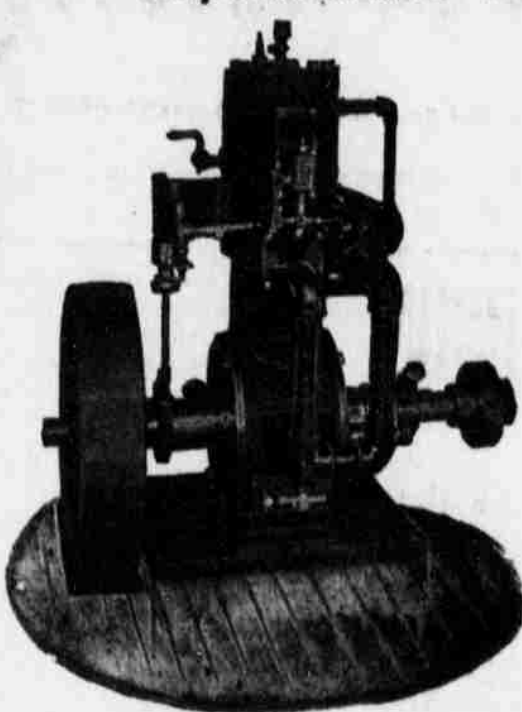
RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$283,971 88
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	5,555 14
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	12,500 00
Stocks, securities, etc.	73,380 00
Other real estate owned	6,000 00
Due from national banks (not reserve agents)	9,244 60
Due from state banks and bankers	98,794 73
Due from approved reserve agents	135,851 90
Checks and other cash items	18 90
Notes of other national banks	105 00
Nickels and cents	468 52
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$114,200 00
Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	625 00
Total	\$739,815 76

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000 00
Surplus fund	50,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	25,764 78
National bank notes outstanding	12,500 00
Individual deposits subject to check	\$448,064 51
Demand certificates of deposit	163,368 47
Certified checks	100 00
Total	\$739,815 76

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss:
I, S. S. Gordon, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
S. S. GORDON,
Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of March, 1905.
J. H. MANSELL,
Notary Public.
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